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SUBJECT: JOHN A MCCONE



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

PERSONNEL SECURITY QUESTIONNAIRE

INSTRUCTIONS—All sections must be completed Write "None" when applicable Type or print all answers If space not adequate for complete answers, attach a supplemental sheet to this form All addresses must show street number, street, city, and State

1 NAME (Last, first, middle)

Mc CONE, JOHN ALEX

2 OTHER NAMES (Include maiden name, if married woman)

3 PRESENT ADDRESS

DATE

1100 Oak Grove Avenue
San Marino, California June 3, 1950

4 ALL OTHER ADDRESSES FOR PAST 10 YEARS

DATE

434 South Rossmore 1938 to
Los Angeles, California 1943Closing letter to
Atomic Energy Commission

AUG 17 1950

5 DESCRIPTION (Check which) ☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE

RACE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR
White	5' 9 1/2"	190	Brown	Brown-Grey

6 (Check which)

☐ SINGLE ☐ DIVORCED
☒ MARRIED ☐ WIDOW(ER)

7 BIRTH DATE

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
4	1	1902

8 BIRTHPLACE (City, county, State, and country)

San Francisco, California

9 CITIZENSHIP U S ☒ ALIEN ☐

IF U S CITIZEN INDICATE WHETHER

(A) BY BIRTH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(C) BY NATURALIZATION <input type="checkbox"/>
(B) DERIVATIVE <input type="checkbox"/>	PETITION NO
DATE	DATE
CERTIFICATE NO	CERTIFICATE NO
PLACE	PLACE

IF ALIEN INDICATE ALIEN REGISTRATION NO

DATE

PORT OF ENTRY

10 DRAFT BOARD NUMBER AND ADDRESS WITH WHICH REGISTERED

Local Board No. 238
4610 Beverly Blvd.
Los Angeles, California

11 SOCIAL SECURITY NO

562 09 7959

12 PERMANENT STATION AND ADDRESS IF NOW IN MILITARY SERVICE

12A PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE

SERIAL NO	BRANCH	FROM (Yr)	TO (Yr)
- -	- -		

13 EDUCATION (All schools above elementary)

NAME OF SCHOOL	ADDRESS	FROM (Yr)	TO (Yr)	DEGREES
Los Angeles High	4600 Olympic Blvd. Los Angeles, Calif.	1915	1917	
Lowell High	Hayes & Masonic Ave. San Francisco,	1917	1918	
University of California Berkeley, California		1918	1922	B.S

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14 EMPLOYMENT (LIST ALL EMPLOYMENT DATES INCLUDING PRESENT EMPLOYMENT AND ALL DATES OF UNEMPLOYMENT) GIVE NAME UNDER WHICH EMPLOYED IF DIFFERENT FROM NAME NOW USED

JUN 19 1 34 PM '50
SPECIAL INQUIRY SECTION

DATE FROM—TO	TYPE OF WORK	NAME OF EMPLOYER (COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION)	ADDRESS (Where employed)
1922-1929	Engineer and Superintendent	Llewlyn Iron Works	Los Angeles, California
1929-1937	Executive	Consolidated Steel Corporation (Successor to Llewlyn Iron Wks.)	Los Angeles, California
1937-1945	Executive	Bechtel-McCone Corporation	Los Angeles, California
1945- to date	Executive	Joshua Hendy Corporation (formerly California Shipbuilding Corporation) Pacific Far East Line, Inc.	Los Angeles, California Los Angeles, California

15 FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED (Since 1930) (Exclusive of military service)

COUNTRY	DATE LEFT U S A	DATE RETURNED U S A	PURPOSE
Mexico	June 1938	July 1938	Pleasure
Curaçao & Venezuela	Oct. 1943	Nov. 1943	Inspect construction work
Arabia	Feb. 1945	Mar. 1945	Visit construction work
Switzerland via France and England	Jul. 1946	Aug. 1946	Pleasure and discussions on gas turbines
G.B. France Switzerland and Italy	Jul. 1947	Aug. 1947	Pleasure
Gr.Br., Norway, Sweden France, Spain & Italy	Sep. 1949	Dec. 1949	Pleasure

16 ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP (Include all present membership and all past membership during the last 15 years in organizations, except labor unions and religious organizations not covered by Question 17 below)

NAME ADDRESS TYPE FROM— TO— OFFICE HELD

17 ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF ANY ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL AS REQUIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 9835? (For your convenience, there is attached to this questionnaire as Appendix A, the current list of such organizations. Appendix A is hereby made an integral part of this Personnel Security Questionnaire)

No

Answer "Yes" or "No"

18 ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF ANY COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION?

No

Answer "Yes" or "No"

19 ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF A FASCIST ORGANIZATION

No

Answer "Yes" or "No"

20 ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF ANY ORGANIZATION ASSOCIATION MOVEMENT GROUP OR COMBINATION OF PERSONS WHICH ADVOCATES THE OVERTHROW OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OR OF ANY ORGANIZATION ASSOCIATION MOVEMENT, GROUP OR COMBINATION OF PERSONS WHICH HAS ADOPTED A POLICY OF ADVOCATING OR APPROVING THE COMMISSION OF ACTS OF FORCE OR VIOLENCE TO DENY OTHER PERSONS THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OR OF SEEKING TO ALTER THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY UNCONSTITUTIONAL MEANS?

No

Answer "Yes" or "No"

21 IF YOUR ANSWER TO QUESTIONS 17 18 19 OR 20 IS YES STATE THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION DATES OF MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENT OF PARTICIPATION AN EXPLANATION REGARDING MEMBERSHIP IN ANY OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS MAY BE ATTACHED HERETO ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER IF YOU DESIRE TO EXPLAIN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP

NAME ADDRESS FROM— TO— OFFICE HELD

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22 RELATIVES (Parents, spouse, divorced spouse, children, brothers, and sisters, living or dead)

RELATION	NAME IN FULL	AGE	ADDRESS	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	PRESENT CITIZENSHIP
Father	Alexander J. McCone		deceased	U.S.A.	
Mother	Margaret J. McCone		deceased	U.S.A.	
Wife	Rosemary McCone	48	1100 Oak Grove Ave San Marino, California	U.S.A.	U.S.A.
Sister	Alicia J. McCone	52	Rte. 2, Box 282 Arlington, California	U.S.A.	U.S.A.
Sister	Margaret J. Aigner	30	672 Winston Ave. San Marino, California	U.S.A.	U.S.A.
Sister	Mary Lou Thelby	48	466 Dalshurst Ave West Los Angeles, Calif.	U.S.A.	U.S.A.

23 REFERENCES (Name three persons, not relatives or employers, who are well acquainted with you)

NAME	ADDRESS	YEARS KNOWN
Mr. Asa Call Mr. K. K. Bechtel Mr. Paul Shields	523 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles, Calif. 155 Sansome St. San Francisco, 4, Calif. 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N. Y.	

24 HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED INDICTED OR SUMMONED INTO COURT AS A DEFENDANT IN A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING OR CONVICTED FINED OR IMPRISONED OR PLACED ON PROBATION IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH A PROCEEDING OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED OR REQUIRED TO DEPOSIT BAIL OR COLLATERAL FOR THE VIOLATION OF ANY LAW POLICE REGULATION OR ORDINANCE (EXCLUDING MINOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS)?

IF YOUR ANSWER IS YES LIST ALL SUCH CASES IN ITEM 25 IN EACH CASE GIVE (1) THE CHARGE OR NATURE OF THE OFFENSE, (2) THE DATE (3) THE PLACE WHERE ARRESTED (4) DISPOSITION OR THE PENALTY IMPOSED IF ANY

Answer "Yes" or "No"

25 ARRESTS (Include all arrests and fines other than minor traffic violations)

CHARGE	DATE	PLACE WHERE ARRESTED	DISPOSITION
None			

CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF I MAKE THIS STATEMENT TO THE U. S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WILL BE USED BY THE COMMISSION IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTY TO PROTECT THE SECURITY OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY PROJECT AND WITH KNOWLEDGE THAT ANY FALSE STATEMENT OR OMISSION OF MATERIAL FACT MAY BE SUFFICIENT CAUSE FOR REJECTION OF MY APPLICATION OR DISMISSAL AFTER EMPLOYMENT FURTHER THAT ANY FALSE STATEMENT HEREIN MAY BE PUNISHED AS A FELONY UNDER SECTION 1001 TITLE 18 U. S. CODE

June 5, 1950
(DATE)

(USUAL SIGNATURE OF PERSON FILLING OUT QUESTIONNAIRE)
(Sign original only)

TO BE FILLED OUT BY AGENCY OR FIRM EMPLOYING

NAME OF AGENCY OR FIRM Department of the Air Force, OSAF		ADDRESS Washington 25, D. C.	
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES (Description should not reveal classified information) Under Secretary of the Air Force		WILL PERSON HAVE ACCESS TO RESTRICTED DATA? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO WILL PERSON HAVE ACCESS TO AN EXCLUSION AREA? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (Check the one block applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> FINGERPRINT CARD ATTACHED <input type="checkbox"/> T-1 ATTACHED (RESULTS OF F B I FINGER-PRINT FILE CHECK) <input type="checkbox"/> T-2 ATTACHED	
T. A. MILLER Major, USAF Office of the Adm. Asst.		DO NOT COMPLETE SPACE BELOW REFERRED TO F B I RECEIVED FROM F B I	
(SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF OFFICIAL REQUESTING CLEARANCE)			
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APPENDIX A

Set forth below is a list of the organizations designated by letters of Nov. 24, 1947, May 27, 1948, Apr. 21, 1949, and July 20, 1949, by The Attorney General in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order No. 9835, as Totalitarian, Fascist, Communist, or Subversive, or as having adopted a policy of advocating or approving the commission of acts of force or violence to deny others their rights under the Constitution of the United States, or as seeking to alter the form of the government of the United States by unconstitutional means

Totalitarian.

Black Dragon Society
 Central Japanese Association (Beikoku Chuo Nipponjin Kai)
 Central Japanese Association of Southern California
 Dai Nippon Butoku Kai (Military Virtue Society of Japan or Military Art Society of Japan)
 Heimuska Kai, also known as Nokubei Heieki Gimusha Kai, Zaibel Nihonjin, Heiyaku Gimusha Kai, and Zaibel Heimusha Kai (Japanese Residing in America Military Conscripts Association)
 Hinode Kai (Imperial Japanese Reservists)
 Hinomaru Kai (Rising Sun Flag Society—a group of Japanese War Veterans)
 Hokubei Zaigo Shoke Dan (North American Reserve Officers Association)
 Japanese Association of America
 Japanese Overseas Central Society (Kaigai Dobo Chuo Kai)
 Japanese Overseas Convention, Tokyo, Japan, 1940
 Japanese Protective Association (Recruiting Organization)
 Jikyoku Iin Kai (Current Affairs Association)
 Kibei Seinen Kai (Association of U S Citizens of Japanese Ancestry who have returned to America after studying in Japan)
 Nanka Teikoku Gunyudan (Imperial Military Friends Group or Southern California War Veterans)
 Nichibei Kogyo Kaisha (The Great Fujin Theatre)
 Northwest Japanese Association
 Peace Movement of Ethiopia
 Sakura Kai (Patriotic Society or Cherry Association—composed of veterans of Russo-Japanese War)
 Shinto Temples
 Sokoku Kai (Fatherland Society)
 Suiko Sha (Reserve Officers Association, Los Angeles)

Fascist:

American Nationalist Party
 American National Labor Party
 American National Socialist League
 American National Socialist Party
 American Patriots, Inc
 Ausland-Organization der NSDAP, Overseas Branch of Nazi Party
 Association of German Nationals (Reichsdeutsche Vereinigung)

Central Organization of the German-American National Alliance (Deutsche-Amerikanische Einheitsfront)
 Citizens Protective League
 Committee for Nationalist Action
 Dante Alighieri Society
 Federation of Italian War Veterans in the U S A, Inc (Associazione Nazionale Combattenti Italiani, Federazione degli Stati Uniti d'America)
 Friends of New Germany (Freunde des Neuen Deutschlands)
 German-American Bund (Amerikadeutscher Volksbund)
 German-American Republican League
 German-American Vocational League (Deutsche-Amerikanische Berufsgemeinschaft)
 Kyffhaeuser, also known as Kyffhaeuser League (Kyffhaeuser Bund), Kyffhaeuser Fellowship (Kyffhaeuser Kameradschaft)
 Kyffhaeuser War Relief (Kyffhaeuser Kriegshilfswerk)
 Lictor Society (Italian Black Shirts)
 Mario Morgantini Circle
 National Blue Star Mothers of America
 Nationalist Action League

Communist

Abraham Lincoln Brigade
 Abraham Lincoln School, Chicago, Illinois
 Action Committee to Free Spain Now
 American Association for Reconstruction in Yugoslavia, Inc.
 American Committee for European Workers' Relief
 American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born
 American Committee for Spanish Freedom
 American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Inc.
 American Council for a Democratic Greece
 American Council on Soviet Relations
 American Croatian Congress
 American Jewish Labor Council
 American League Against War and Fascism
 American League for Peace and Democracy
 American Peace Mobilization
 American Polish Labor Council
 American Rescue Ship Mission (a project of the United American Spanish Aid Committee)
 American Russian Institute, New York
 American Russian Institute, Philadelphia
 American Russian Institute (of San Francisco)
 American Russian Institute of Southern California, Los Angeles

APPENDIX A

This Appendix is an integral part of the Personnel Security Questionnaire of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission

Communist—Continued.

American Slav Congress
American Youth Congress
American Youth for Democracy
Armenian Progressive League of America
California Labor School, Inc., 216 Market St., San Francisco, California
Central Council of American Women of Croatian Descent, aka Central Council of American Croatian Women, National Council of Croatian Women
Citizens Committee To Free Earl Browder
Citizens Committee for Harry Bridges
Citizens Committee of the Upper West Side (New York City)
Civil Rights Congress and its affiliates
Comite Coordinador Pro Republica Espanola
Committee to Aid the Fighting South
Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy
Commonwealth College, Mena, Arkansas
Communist Party, U. S. A.
Communist Political Association
Connecticut State Youth Conference
Congress of American Revolutionary Writers
Congress of American Women
Council on African Affairs
Council for Pan-American Democracy
Dennis Defense Committee
Detroit Youth Assembly
Emergency Conference to Save Spanish Refugees (founding body of the North American Spanish Aid Committee)
Friends of the Soviet Union
George Washington Carver School, New York City
Hawaiian Civil Liberties Committee
Hollywood Writers Mobilization for Defense
Hungarian-American Council for Democracy
International Labor Defense
International Workers Order, including People's Radio Foundation, Inc.
Jefferson School of Social Science, New York City
Jewish Peoples Committee
Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee
Labor Research Association, Inc.
League of American Writers
Macedonian-American People's League
Michigan Civil Rights Federation
Michigan School of Social Science
National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners
National Committee to Win the Peace
National Conference on American Policy in China and the Far East (a Conference called by the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy)
National Council of Americans of Croatian Descent

National Council American-Soviet Friendship
National Federation for Constitutional Liberties
National Negro Congress
Nature Friends of America (since 1935)
Negro Labor Victory Committee
New Committee for Publications
North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy
North American Spanish Aid Committee
Ohio School of Social Sciences
Oklahoma Committee to Defend Political Prisoners
People's Educational Association
People's Institute of Applied Religion
People's Radio Foundation, Inc.
Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art
Photo League (New York City)
Progressive German - Americans, aka Progressive German-Americans of Chicago
Proletarian Party of America
Revolutionary Workers League
Samuel Adams School, Boston, Massachusetts
Schappes Defense Committee
Schneiderman-Darcy Defense Committee
School of Jewish Studies, New York City
Seattle Labor School, Seattle, Washington
Serbian Vidovdan Council
Slovenian-American National Council
Socialist Workers Party, including American Committee for European Workers' Relief
Socialist Youth League
Southern Negro Youth Congress
Tom Paine School of Social Science, Philadelphia Pa
Tom Paine School of Westchester, New York
United Committee of South Slavic Americans
United Harlem Tenants and Consumers Organization
United May Day Committee
United Negro and Allied Veterans of America
United Spanish Aid Committee
Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade
Walt Whitman School of Social Science, Newark, N. J.
Washington Bookshop Association
Washington Committee for Democratic Action
Washington Commonwealth Federation
Wisconsin Conference on Social Legislation
Workers Alliance
Workers Party, including Socialist Youth League
Young Communist League

Subversive:

Communist Party, U. S. A.
Communist Political Association
German-American Bund
Socialist Workers Party
Workers Party, aka Independent Socialist League
Young Communist League

Organizations which have "adopted a policy of advocating or approving the commission of acts of force and violence to deny others their rights under the Constitution of the United States"

American Christian Nationalist Party
Association of Georgia Klans
Columbians
Knights of the White Camellia

Ku Klux Klan
Original Southern Klans, Incorporated
Protestant War Veterans of the United States
Silver Shirt Legion of America

Organizations which "seek to alter the form of Government of the United States by unconstitutional means".

Communist Party, U. S. A.
Communist Political Association
Industrial Workers of the World
Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico

Socialist Workers Party
Workers Party, aka Independent Socialist League
Young Communist League

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

BUREAU

FILE NO. **77-26669**

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D.C.	DATE WHEN MADE 8/8/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/5, 12, 14, 19, 25/50	REPORT MADE BY ALBERT B. MILLER, SA ABM:msf
TITLE JOHN ALEX McCONE - WA-17925			CHARACTER OF CASE AEA-A

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

*1/4 note in file
8/24/50
4/25/51*

REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated June 26, 1950.

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REP'T FORW. 3-22-51
BY JH

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DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Special Agent GEORGE G. DUFFY checked the records of the Passport Division, Department of State and ascertained that they reflect Passport #129746 was issued August 10, 1949, to JOHN ALEX MC CONE for proposed travel to England, Norway, Sweden, France and Spain for pleasure and business.

The application for this passport reflects the applicant's date of birth as January 4, 1902, at San Francisco, California. His permanent residence was listed as 1100 Oak Grove Avenue, San Marino, California and his parents were shown as ALEXANDER McCONE and MARGARET ENRIGHT McCONE, both born in California and deceased. His wife was listed as ROSEMARY COOPER, born February 10, 1902, at Nezperce, Idaho, and she resided with the applicant.

The applicant was previously issued San Francisco Series Passport No. 54407 on October 23, 1943, for proposed travel to Curacao, Venezuela, Columbia, and Panama on business. His residence at this time was listed as 434 South Rossmore Avenue, Los Angeles, California. This passport was renewed on February 19, 1945, at San Francisco. On

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this same date this passport was amended to be valid for travel to Saudi, Arabia, North Africa, Egypt, Trans-Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Palestine, Iraq, Iran, India, and Great Britain on commercial business. There was nothing of a derogatory nature noted in this file.

Mr. HARRY C. TAPPRICH, Civil Service Commission Examiner, advised that there was no record of the applicant in the Investigative files of the Civil Service Commission.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

The applicant in instant report is identical with Bureau file 77-40957 and the Washington Field Office also submitted a report on him on May 26, 1950, characterized Special Inquiry, White House.

Subj: JohnAddress: Ala

Birthdate: _____ SUPV: _____

Misc: _____

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO
FILE No _____

6-26-50

AIR MAIL

SAC, LOS ANGELES

RE: JOHN ALEX Mc CONE -WA-17925

ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

Dear Sir:

You are instructed to conduct an immediate, thorough, discreet investigation concerning the character, associations, and loyalty of the above-named individual in accordance with the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946. The original and four copies of the report are to be transmitted to the Bureau by air mail unless ordinary mail is equally speedy, so as to reach the Bureau not later than 7-26-50.

Present address: 1100 Oak Grove Ave., San Marino, California.
Birthdate and birthplace: 1/4/02; San Francisco, California.
Social Security Number: 562-09-7959
Firm to employ and position involved. Under Secretary of the Air Force, Dept. of the Air Force, OSAP, Washington 25, D.C.

Conduct full investigation.

ALL OFFICES: Conduct a thorough and discreet investigation concerning the above named applicant who is Under Secretary of the Air Force. Assign to experienced and well qualified agent.

WASHINGTON FIELD: Check agencies and State Department.

NEW YORK: Reference: Mr. Paul Shields, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N. Y.

cc: SAN FRANCISCO
WASHINGTON FIELD
NEW YORK

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

LEN:hjk
Form #79 to CSC

Item No. 16 - ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

John A. McCone

Civic and Other Organizations:

Los Angeles Area Building Funds, Inc.
Engineering Advisory Council, University of California
California Institute of Technology
California State Chamber of Commerce
Naval Affairs Committee of the Los Angeles
Chamber of Commerce
Citizens' Committee for Reorganization of
Executive Branch of the Government
Welfare Federation of the Los Angeles Area
Greater Los Angeles Plans, Inc.
Hollywood Turf Club Associated Charities, Inc.
Loyola University of Los Angeles
The National Air Council

Southern California Symphony Association
American Heart Association

Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers
Propeller Club of the United States

Board Member
Council Member
Trustee
Board Member

Committee Member

National Committee Member

Board Member

Board Member

Trustee

Regent

Member Executive Board
of Managers

Board Member

Vice Chairman of National

Campaign '49. Sponser for 1950

Member

Member

Corporations and Partnerships

Joshua Hendy Corporation
California Shipbuilding Corporation
Pacific Far East Line, Inc.
Pacific Tankers, Inc. (~~Now Pacific Tankers~~
Division of Joshua Hendy Corporation)
Bechtel-McCone Corporation (In liquidation)
Industrial Indemnity Company
Founders' Fire & Marine Insurance Co.
Curtiss-Wright Corporation
California Bank of Los Angeles
The Hydrofoil Corporation
W. A. Bechtel Co. (In liquidation)
The W. A. Bechtel Company (In liquidation)
Bechtel-McCone {Incorporated} (In liquidation)
Philippine Industrial Equipment Company
Industrial Equipment Company
Industrial Indemnity Service Company
Consolidated Builders, Inc.
Joshua Hendy Iron Works
Marinship Corporation
Bechtel-Mannix
Evansville Shipyard
BMP Company (In liquidation)
Industrial Indemnity Underwriters

President & Director
President & Director
Chairman of the Board

President & Director
President & Director
Director
Director
Director
Director

Board Member

Board Member & V.G.

Board Member

Board Member

Board Member

Board Member

Board Member

Board Member

President & Director

Board Member & V.P.

Sub-Joint Venturer

Joint Venturer

Partner

Partner

Clubs

~~A.P.I.~~ New York

California Club, Los Angeles

Annandale Golf Club, Pasadena

Metropolitan Club, Washington, D.C.

Deerpale, New York

Pacific Union Club, San Francisco

Los Angeles Country Club, Los Angeles

Cypress Point Club, Pebble Beach, Calif.

The Links, New York

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

FILE NO **116-25378**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 7/18/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/10, 11/50	REPORT MADE BY JOHN C. OAKES MTK
TITLE JOHN ALEX McCONE - WA - 17925			CHARACTER OF CASE ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

REFERENCE:

Bulet to Los Angeles dated June 26, 1950

DETAILS:

Interviews with WILLIAM CARLETON RYAN, Mrs. ELIZABETH KINSEY and Mrs. ROBERT L. MARTIN and investigations at Pasadena and San Marino, California, were conducted by SA JOHN L. SHAW. Interviews with Mr. ASA V. CALL and Mr. MAX SIMPSON were conducted by the writer and the remainder of the investigation by SA WILLIAM W. WOOD.

EMPLOYMENT

The following information was obtained on September 27, 1948:

WILLIAM CARLETON RYAN, Southern California Manager of Joshua Hendry Iron Works, 230 Edison Building, 601 West 5th Street, advised that he was personally acquainted with JOHN ALEX McCONE for the past eight years, and has been closely associated with him since February, 1941. Mr. RYAN advised that McCONE was Vice-President of the Consolidated Steel Corporation for approximately fifteen years. He left that employment to become a partner in the Bechtel - McCone Corporation, an engineering company. He became President of the Bechtel - McCone Corporation in 1941, and when the Bechtel - McCone Corporation joined in forming the California Shipbuilding Corporation Mr. McCONE was made Vice-President and General Manager. In 1942 Mr. McCONE was made President of the California Shipbuilding Corporation. In 1945, after the end of the war, the California Shipbuilding Corporation terminated its activity, and merged into the Joshua Hendry Iron Works. At

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that time Mr. McCONE became President and Director of this Corporation. Mr. McCONE was also Chairman of the Board for the Pacific Far East Lines, and Chairman of the Board for the Pacific Tankers Corporation.

Mr. JOHN ALEX McCONE has held several high Government positions, one of which was that of member of the President's Air Policy Committee. Mr. McCONE is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and is an engineer by profession.

Mr. RYAN advised that he was positive that Mr. McCONE had never belonged to any organization or group which would in any way reflect on his loyalty. Mr. McCONE is a staunch supporter of the present system of Government in the United States. Mr. RYAN advised that the general reputation and character of Mr. McCONE is excellent and that he is an outstanding man in the community. Mr. McCONE's associates are of the highest type, being men such as Governor EARL WARREN, and LEE DuBRIDGE, President of the California Institute of Technology.

The following information was obtained on May 18, 1950:

Mr. TERRANCE M. LEE, Joshua Hendry Corporation, 612 South Flower, Los Angeles, advised that he is an associate and secretary of Mr. McCONE, President of the Joshua Hendry Corporation, Los Angeles. Mr. LEE furnished the following data relative to Mr. McCONE's biography.

Mr. McCONE married ROSEMARY COOPER on June 21, 1938, and their permanent address is 1100 Oak Grove Avenue, San Marino, California. He stated they have no children. McCONE on graduation from the University of California in 1922, was employed as construction superintendent of Llewellyn Iron Works and later as superintendent of the Consolidated Steel Corporation which took over the Llewellyn Iron Works about 1929. He was executive vice-president and director of Consolidated Steel during 1933 to 1937. McCONE left this corporation in 1937 to form Bechtel - McCone - Parsons Corporation to engage in design, engineering, and construction of process plants, refineries, and power plants. He was the president and director of the California Shipbuilding Corporation from 1941 to 1947, president and director of Bechtel - McCone Corporation 1937 to 1946, president and director Joshua Hendry Corporation, Sunnyvale, California, 1945 to 1947, director of Marin Shipbuilding Corporation, Sausalito, California, 1942 to 1946, and director of the Oregon Shipbuilding Corporation 1941 to 1948. Mr. LEE stated that McCONE is presently active as president of the Joshua Hendry Corporation, Los Angeles;

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Mr. FRANK L. KING, president, California Bank of Los Angeles, 629 South Spring, Los Angeles, advised that he has known Mr. McCONE for seven years and that he first became acquainted with him when Mr. McCONE was with Bechtel - McCone and that the Bechtel - McCone Corporation had done considerable business with the California Bank. He stated Mr. McCONE had recently been made a director of the California Bank and that this was not because of any stock holdings he had in the bank but because the bank had recognized him as being a very outstanding executive and organizer. He advised that one of the things that had stood out the most when he first met Mr. McCONE was that he considered him to be an unusually intelligent and smart businessman and that he had an outstanding amount of energy and drive. He advised that Mr. McCONE was highly regarded in the business world as to his integrity, honesty, character, reputation and moral conduct. He stated Mr. and Mrs. McCONE were active workers in the Catholic Church, and that Mr. McCONE had done work directing building fund drives for charitable organizations in the Los Angeles area. He stated that Mr. McCONE was believed to be a registered Republican voter, but that Mr. McCONE had never participated actively in political endeavors. He recommended Mr. McCONE without reservation as to his loyalty to the United States and for a position of trust and confidence.

Mr. P. D. HOLLE, regional manager, National Association of Manufacturers, 523 West 6th Street, Los Angeles, advised that he first became acquainted with Mr. McCONE when he was superintendent of the Llewellyn Iron Works, which later merged with the Consolidated Steel Corporation and subsequently became part of the Columbia Steel Corporation. He advised that among the applicant's associates were such men as REECE TAYLOR, president of Union Oil Company, and ALDEN ROACH, president of Columbia Steel Corporation. He advised that he had never known of any person who was more highly regarded in the business and industrial field than Mr. McCONE; that he enjoyed an excellent reputation and that his character, honesty and morals were considered above reproach.

He stated that Mr. McCONE had served as a director for approximately two years of the National Association of Manufacturers, shortly after the war. He stated Mr. McCONE was well regarded by organized labor in view of his labor and management organization which he had set up. He stated Mr. McCONE is without question completely loyal and patriotic to the United States and that he has no foreign sympathies. He advised that McCONE is the type of person who feels a definite responsibility to his work and to his fellow man and that he can be relied upon implicitly. He advised that Mr. McCONE had served on the President's Air Policy Committee and also as a consultant with reference to the air forces program. He stated that a considerable amount of Mr. McCONE's time in the past few years has been as a consultant for the Government and in directing the operation of the Joshua Hendry Corporation, the Pacific Far East Lines, and Curtiss - Wright Corporation, New York City. Mr. HOLLE advised that he was confident that Mr. McCONE was the type of person who would not be influenced by financial, political or personal pressures. He recommended Mr. McCONE without reservation.

Mr. PRESTON HOTCHKISS, president, Founders Fire and Marine Insurance Company, 523 West 6th Street, Los Angeles, advised that he had formerly been a director in the Ilwellyn Iron Works and the Consolidated Steel Corporation and that he had known Mr. McCONE since he was associated with those organizations. He described McCONE as being an excellent executive and an intelligent and outstanding businessman. He advised that Mr. McCONE was very highly regarded by his business associates and friends as being a man of complete sincerity and honesty and as being of good character, reputation and moral conduct. He stated Mr. McCONE was financially independent and that he would not be influenced by any financial, political or personal pressures. He recommended McCONE without any reservation as to his loyalty and patriotism to the United States. He advised that he has heard of no information which would reflect on McCONE's reputation, integrity or business activities. He stated Mr. McCONE had been married for approximately 10 years and that they had no children. He stated they are active in Catholic Church work and they both enjoyed an excellent reputation. He recommended Mr. McCONE for any position of trust and confidence.

Mr. WILLIAM C. McDUFFIE, president, Wilmington Gasoline Company, 555 South Flower, Los Angeles, advised he has known of Mr. McCONE for 15 years and that he knows Mr. McCONE to enjoy an outstanding reputation for integrity, sincerity and honesty. He stated that he is a member of the board of directors for the Northrop Aircraft Corporation and that Joshua Hendry Corporation has handled some contracts for Northrop, and that in recent years Mr. McCONE has taken over the Joshua Hendry Corporation. He advised that business transactions between Northrop and Joshua Hendry have always been completely satisfactory. He considers Mr. McCONE to be a very intelligent man, an outstanding executive and a hard worker. He advised that he has no

reason to question Mr. McCONE's loyalty to the United States. He advised that among Mr. McCONE's associates are such men as the Bechtel brothers of Bechtel - McCONE, HENRY J. KAISER and EDWIN W. PAULEY. He recommended Mr. McCONE for a position of trust and confidence in the Government. Mr. McDUFFIE concluded by stating that he is a member of the board of regents of the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, and that Mr. McCONE was also appointed as a regent. He stated in this connection there was a discussion at the time of Mr. McCONE's appointment as a regent as to his background, and it was mentioned that some people might criticize Mr. McCONE as being one of those executives who had made a great deal of money during the war. Mr. McDUFFIE explained that he did not mean by this statement that Mr. McCONE had ever made money as a result of fraudulent or dishonest dealings, as he knows Mr. McCONE's honesty, sincerity and integrity are above reproach; however, he knew that some people did feel strongly about persons having made money as a result of the war effort. Mr. McDUFFIE reiterated that he did not mean that this statement should reflect on Mr. McCONE's character, but he felt that this feeling should be known, as many people were concerned about some executives having made as much money as they did during the war period.

Poor's Register of Directors and Executives for 1950 lists the following information regarding JOHN ALEX McCONE: Born in San Francisco, 1902; graduated from University of California in 1922; president Joshua Hendry Corporation; residence 1100 Oak Grove Avenue, San Marino; president of California Shipbuilding Corporation; director, Marin Ship Corporation; director Industrial Indemnity Company; chairman of board; Pacific Far East Lines, San Francisco; director of Curtiss - Wright Corporation, New York.

MAX SIMPSON, Assistant Secretary of the Joshua Hendry Corporation, 612 South Flower, Los Angeles, advised on July 11, 1950, that he has been acquainted with Mr. McCONE for about ten years and considered him to be a very splendid person of excellent character and reputation and a man of outstanding loyalty to the United States.

REFERENCE:

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Doctor LEE DuBRIDGE, President, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, advised that JOHN ALEX McCONE was a trustee at the California Institute of Technology, and is a very close friend of Doctor DuBRIDGE. He stated that Mr. McCONE is an energetic and honest man, willing to spend time and money in Government service and to donate himself to the service of the people. He has handled many confidential matters concerning this Government, and there has never been any question as to the loyalty or discreteness of Mr. McCONE. Doctor DuBRIDGE stated that Mr. and Mrs. McCONE have excellent reputations and he highly recommends Mr. McCONE for any position of trust and confidence.

ASA V. CALL, President of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, 523 West 6th Street, advised on July 11, 1950, that he has been acquainted with Mr. McCONE as a business acquaintance and as a personal friend for a period of more than twenty years. He stated that he and McCONE had visited in each other's homes on numerous occasions. He stated that Mrs. McCONE is a splendid person and that Mr. McCONE and she enjoyed a happy domestic life. He advised that he considered McCONE's business ability as being outstanding and his character and reputation beyond any criticism. He further expressed the opinion that McCONE's loyalty to the United States was of the highest type and that McCONE's only reason for accepting responsibility in Washington was due strictly to his patriotism and interest in his Government and country. He stated that for more than twenty years acquaintanceship with Mr. McCONE he, CALL, could recommend the latter without reservation for a position of the highest responsibility and trust.

NEIGHBORHOOD

The following investigation was conducted on September 27, 1948:

VERA WOODS STRUB, 1050 Oak Grove Avenue, San Marino, California, a neighbor of Mr. and Mrs. McCONE advised that they are the finest people she has ever known. She advised that they are loyal and patriotic people, and that it would be difficult to find a better type of American. She stated that there was no doubt about the loyalty of Mr. McCONE.

Mrs. STRUB was also acquainted with Mrs. AICHER, sister of Mr. McCONE, and described her as a fine person with an excellent reputation.

Mrs. ROBERT L. MARTIN, 443 Rossmore Street, Los Angeles, advised that although she lived across the street from the McCONES she was not acquainted with them as neighbors. She advised that all of the people in this neighborhood possessed estates, and, therefore, are not neighborly. Mrs. MARTIN advised, however, that she knew Mr. McCONE, and knew of nothing unfavorable concerning him.

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CREDIT

The records of the Pasadena Merchants Association reflected in 1948 that Mr. McCONE's credit rating is excellent.

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CRIMINAL

Mr. McCONE is not on record with the Los Angeles Police Department or the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

The records of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office and Los Angeles Police Department were checked by SE DONALD F. TACKITT and those of the Retail Merchants Credit Association by SE GENE L. BURGE.

The bulk of the information contained herein was taken from the reports of SA JOHN L. SHAW, Los Angeles, dated September 29, 1948, and SA WILLIAM W. WOOD, Los Angeles, dated May 24, 1950, in connection with Bureau file 77-40957 and Los Angeles file 77-2423.

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JOHN A. MCCONE
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San Francisco, California

In response to your request you are advised that an applicant-type investigation was conducted by this Bureau at the specific request of the Secretary of State and completed in May, 1954. Results of this investigation were furnished to the Secretary of State and the White House on May 5, 1954. In the event you desire results of this investigation, you are referred to the Office of the Honorable Sherman Adams, Assistant to the President, the White House.

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Honorable John A. McCone
Commissioner
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Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. McCone:

I was extremely pleased to learn of the confirmation of your appointment to the Atomic Energy Commission, and I did not want the opportunity to pass without extending my heartiest congratulations.

All of us in the FBI wish you every success in connection with your new duties and hope you will not hesitate to call upon us if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

1 Liaison

NOTE: Letter has previously been sent to Arthur S. Flemming extending congratulations. No data in Bufiles to preclude sending this letter and Liaison Section recommends sending it.

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THE SENATE TODAY CONFIRMED THE NOMINATIONS OF A NEW MEMBER OF PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S CABINET AND A NEW MEMBER OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION.

ARTHUR S. FLEMMING, FORMER PRESIDENT OF OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, WAS CONFIRMED AS SUCCESSOR TO MARION B. FOLSOM AS SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE.

THE SENATE ALSO APPROVED JOHN A. MCCONE, 56, SAN FRANCISCO BUSINESS EXECUTIVE, TO THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION TO SUCCEED CHAIRMAN LEWIS L. STRAUSS. THE PRESIDENT IS EXPECTED TO NAME MCCONE TO THE CHAIRMANSHIP AFTER HE IS SWORN IN FOR HIS FIVE YEAR TERM.

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TO : A. H. Belmont *ah*

DATE September 18, 1958

FROM : R. R. Roach *RR*SUBJECT: JOHN A. MCCONE, CHAIRMAN
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P.O. During conversation on September 16, 1958, Mr. Joseph ~~Campbell~~, Comptroller General of the United States, remarked to the Liaison representative that he first met Chairman McCone, of AEC, at a small social affair on August 7, 1958. He added that he couldn't quite figure McCone out. Campbell did not offer to elaborate on this latter remark. *Fitzgerald* However, he went on to state that McCone's wife has been trying to get the two couples together again since their initial meeting. Campbell has told his wife to put off Mrs. McCone's overtures. Campbell said that he just does not want to get close to McCone in view of his (Campbell's) position, as he felt it might be quite awkward in the event his General Accounting Office ever had occasion to make inquiries into the operation of the Atomic Energy Commission.

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BY LIAISON

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Honorable Gordon Gray
Special Assistant to the President
Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Gray:

In compliance with your request we have reinterviewed Mr. John A. McCone, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, in connection with the leak of National Security Council information which appeared in "The New York Times" on August 13, 1960.

During the interview Mr. McCone advised that at approximately 11:30 a.m. on August 12, 1960, he had briefed Atomic Energy Commissioners Mr. John S. Graham, Dr. Robert E. Wilson, and Mr. Loren K. Olson regarding the matters discussed at the National Security Council meeting that day. These members of the Atomic Energy Commission were also interviewed.

The results of our interviews of Mr. McCone and the above-mentioned commissioners of the Atomic Energy Commission are set forth in the enclosed report. A copy of this report is also being furnished to the Attorney General.

For your confidential information, Mr. McCone gave every indication of being forthright and fully cooperative during the reinterview. Following the reinterview and as the agents were leaving his office Mr. McCone in an obviously personal comment made in an offhand manner the statement that it was his

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Honorable Gordon Gray

personal opinion that the publication of this article actually did no harm. He did not elaborate on this but also commented that he wondered why there was so much pressure on the investigation. At this point he was again reminded that he had received a memorandum from Mr. Gordon Gray that the investigation was to be conducted by the FBI at the President's request. Mr. McCone stated he was aware of this and realized the Bureau's investigation was being conducted at the President's request but it was his personal opinion that maybe the agents' time could be better spent on other official matters. It was pointed out to him that the Bureau was performing its responsibilities in other matters within its jurisdiction. He stated he understood the above situation.

In view of the obviously personal tenor of the above comments of Mr. McCone, they are not being set forth in the enclosed report.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

NOTE: Classified ~~Confidential~~ since letter encloses report so classified and it repeats information contained in letter from Gordon Gray, 8-15-60, which was so classified. Cover memorandum to Mr. Parsons from Mr. Belmont prepared 8-29-60 by ARJ:sh, re this outgoing.

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(MCCONE)

WASHINGTON--JOHN A. MCCONE GOT THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION OUT OF A SERIOUS JAM WITH CONGRESS.

"AND IF THE CIA NEEDS STRAIGHTENING OUT," SAYS A CLOSE ACQUAINTANCE, "JOHN MCCONE IS JUST THE MAN TO DO IT."

MCCONE, 59-YEAR-OLD SAN FRANCISCO INDUSTRIALIST, IS A GRACIOUS MAN, THE KIND WHO SMILES AND REMEMBERS TO SAY "PLEASE" AND "THANK YOU."

BUT OCCASIONALLY THE SMILE VANISHES. OCCASIONALLY THE BLUE EYES GLARE. THEN IT IS EASY TO BELIEVE WHAT ANOTHER ACQUAINTANCE SAYS:

"HE IS A TERRIBLY DEMANDING AND HARD-DRIVING BUSINESS EXECUTIVE. HE IS THE MAN-IN-CHARGE."

WHEN PRESIDENT KENNEDY PICKED MCCONE THIS WEEK TO SUCCEED ALLEN W. DULLES AS CIA DIRECTOR, THE CIA WAS STILL BEING BLAMED -- RIGHTLY OR WRONGLY -- FOR THE FAILURE OF THE U.S.-SUPPORTED ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW THE CASTRO DICTATORSHIP IN CUBA.

BECAUSE OF THE 68-YEAR-OLD DULLES' SENSATIONAL CAREER AS A U.S. AGENT IN WORLD WAR II AND HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICES SINCE, CIA CRITICS WERE RELUCTANT TO BLAME HIM PERSONALLY FOR THE CUBAN FIASCO.

BUT THERE HAVE BEEN CHARGES THAT "MIDDLE ECHELON" OFFICIALS IN HIS AGENCY HAVE REPEATEDLY GONE TOO FAR IN THEIR ZEAL AND OFTEN HAVE GOT THE COUNTRY INTO HOT WATER.

ONE OF THE THINGS BEING SAID OF MCCONE IS THAT WHEN HE TAKES OVER IN NOVEMBER, HE WILL BE THE BOSS AND THE CIA WILL ATTEMPT NO VENTURES WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN THOROUGHLY THOUGHT OUT IN ADVANCE.

WHEN HE TOOK OVER THE AEC IN MID-1958, IT WAS IN BAD TROUBLE WITH THE HOUSE-SENATE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE. THE COMMISSION CHAIRMAN, LEWIS L. STRAUSS, AND THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, SEN. CLINTON P. ANDERSON, D-N.M., DESPISED EACH OTHER. THE ATOMIC PROGRAM SUFFERED.

MCCONE, A REPUBLICAN, QUICKLY WON OVER THE DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. WHEN HE ENDED HIS 2-1/2 YEARS AS AEC CHAIRMAN AND BOWED OUT WITH THE REST OF THE EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION, COMMISSION-COMMITTEE RELATIONS NEVER WERE BETTER. THIS WAS A RESULT, HIS ADMIRERS SAY, OF BIPARTISANSHIP AT ITS FINEST.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

FROM D. J. BRENNAN

SUBJECT JOHN MC CONE
DIRECTOR
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

DATE: June 7, 1962

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The Washington Post, June 7, 1962, carried a short item indicating that Mrs. Paul Pigott, a prominent Seattle widow, was to wed Mr. McCone in Seattle next fall. You will recall that the Liaison Section recently reported that McCone was reported to be making a trip to the Far East and additionally, CIA was tightly holding information that McCone would be in Seattle on personal business. McCone is in Southeast Asia at the present time and he very likely could have traveled to Seattle, which trip may fit in with the news item.

A review of Bureau files indicates that Mrs. Pigott is the widow of Paul Pigott, former President of the Pacific Car and Foundry Company, Renton, Washington. This firm was founded by Pigott's father about 1900 and allegedly was affiliated with the Bethlehem Pacific Coast Steel Company.

In 1943 the Bureau conducted an investigation involving Pigott in an alleged fraud against the Government. This investigation stemmed from reported irregular transactions between the Pacific Car and Foundry Company and the U. S. Ordnance Department. The results of our investigation were submitted to the Department with the request that the Bureau be advised if any further investigation was desired. No further investigation was requested.

In 1953 we conducted an investigation of Pigott for the Atomic Energy Commission; this was done in connection with the processing of a security clearance for Pigott. The only derogatory information which was reported was that pertaining to the above-described alleged fraud against the Government. (62-60527-42031 and 116-45073-10)

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DIRECTOR
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

With regard to Mrs. Pigott, Bureau files indicate that she is 57 years of age. McCone is 60 years of age. In 1947 the Pigotts had three sons and two daughters. Mrs. Pigott's maiden name was Theiline McGee.

In 1944 one informant reported that the mailing list of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee carried the name of Mrs. Paul Pigott. You will recall that this was a procommunist organization but mailing lists did include individuals who were not communists or procommunists.

ACTION:

For information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

DATE 2/11/64

FROM : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr. *1/11*

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE
ADVISORY BOARD

You previously have been advised that the captioned Board was reviewing the case of Sergeant Jack E. Dunlap, the National Security Agency (NSA) employee who operated as a Soviet Agent and who committed suicide in July, 1963. J. Patrick Coyne, Executive Secretary of the Board, brought up this case when he met with the Director on 10/29/63. On 2/11/64, Coyne confidentially advised Agent Papich that the Board had completed its report which includes a review of the case and its ramifications which affect the counterintelligence capabilities of U.S. agencies. Coyne stated that the Board's findings and recommendations were being submitted to the Attorney General, State Department, Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence. Each is being asked for views and comments. Coyne pointed out that a special communication was being directed to each of the above agencies in order to circumvent any move on the part of John McCone to assume the responsibility of coordinating the comments and observations of other agencies and having him submit one representative reply to the Board. According to Coyne, McCone had informally suggested that the matter be handled with him as the coordinator. Coyne has vehemently opposed this.

Coyne assumes that the Attorney General will refer the report and recommendations to the Bureau since there are certain items of interest to us. In this connection he made the following information available.

The Board recommends that steps be taken to assure that the FBI has adequate agent resources to effect "required domestic counterintelligence coverage of both Soviet-bloc and non-bloc official installations and personnel who may be engaged in intelligence or related activity." According to Coyne, the Board discussed problems encountered by the Bureau when much of its personnel is diverted to various problems and activities such as Civil Rights matters. The discussion included a statement, source not identified, that 200 additional Agents would be needed to handle domestic counterintelligence coverage.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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Another recommendation reads that the policies of the State Department with respect to authorizing technical coverage be re-examined with a view of liberalizing such policies to the extent needed to provide adequate coverage. This recommendation was centered around the discussion dealing with State Department's reported refusal of a Bureau request to install technical coverage of certain diplomatic installations, not identified.

In another recommendation, the Board requests that in the future when consideration is being given to "exchange of spies", State Department should make certain that there is advance consultation with the Bureau and CIA in order to assure that adequate attention is given to all intelligence aspects. This recommendation was predicated on the Board's discussion on the Egorov case. The Egorovs were "traded" with the Soviets without consultation with the Bureau.

The Board also recommends that consideration be given to the establishment of an "interdepartmental counterintelligence mechanism to assure promulgation of counterintelligence policy," to assure proper guidance, exchange of information and the overall coordination of efforts in the counterintelligence field. Such a mechanism would not involve operational matters. This recommendation allegedly was based on information coming to the attention of the Board indicating that some agencies do not have the benefit of knowledge and experience gained by other agencies in countering Soviet penetrations. The recommendation does not specify exactly how such a mechanism will be established and how it will be directed. The recommendation reads that "consideration be given."

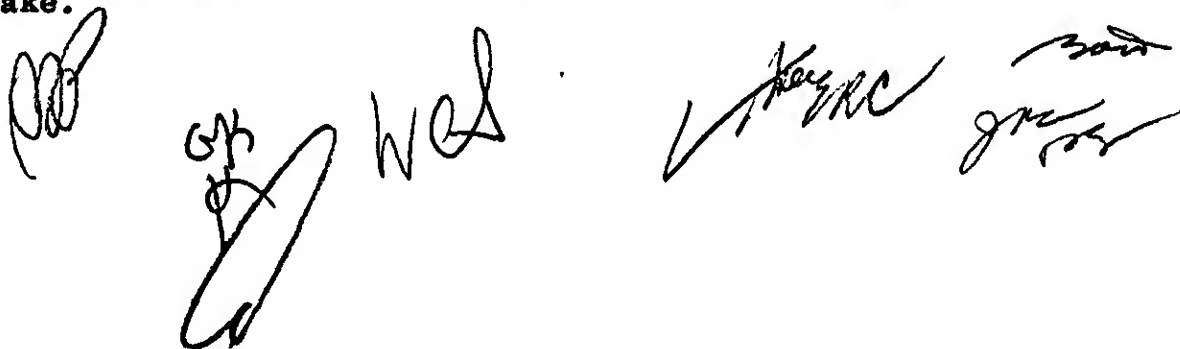
Other recommendations mentioned in the report pertain to (1) furnishing NSA complete responsibility for the security of its personnel and those assigned to the agency; (2) providing additional powers through legislation for the Director of NSA so that he can be in a stronger position to dispose of undesirable personnel; (3) that action be taken by Department of Defense (DOD) to assure clean-cut delineation of investigative responsibilities of investigative units within DOD; (4) the establishment of strict personnel security standards for all sensitive agencies; (5) that DOD give consideration to reviewing its present program involving reorganization of personnel every five years so that emphasis can immediately be placed on questionable security cases and that action then be taken on other personnel "across the board;" (6) that all sensitive agencies have adequate inspection systems; (7) that studies concerning the use of the polygraph be expedited; (8) that sensitive agencies have "counterintelligence oriented personnel" to review security cases; (9) that all personnel be fully indoctrinated

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concerning security; (10) that personnel handling counterintelligence matters be fully briefed concerning "sophisticated and professional information" regarding abnormal sexual activity, perversion, etc.; (11) that any agency having the responsibility on a particular security case be promptly furnished information in the possession of other agencies; (12) that "the need to know" principle be rigorously applied by all agencies; (13) that more cover positions be afforded to CIA in Soviet-bloc countries; (14) that State not restrict clandestine intelligence operations by U. S. personnel until full consideration is given at the highest level in Government. (According to Coyne, this is based upon State's refusal to permit CIA to run certain operations in Moscow relating to our sensitive source TOPHAT); (15) prevent construction of Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C., area until the U. S. Government is satisfied that we can proceed with the construction of comparable facilities in Moscow; (16) that reciprocal arrangements be made to correct the serious imbalance in numbers of U.S. personnel stationed in Soviet-bloc countries as compared with Soviet-bloc personnel stationed in the U.S.; (17) that the White House be promptly notified when an agency receives information concerning a serious penetration of a U.S. installation. (This apparently was pointed toward DOD not reporting certain information to the White House on a more expedite basis.)

ACTION:

For information. If approved, we will wait for the Attorney General to refer the Board's report to us so that we can have the benefit of full details and exact language for any action we may be obliged to take.

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May 24, 1967

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

Reference is made to your name check request concerning [redacted] and six other individuals.

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The central files of the FBI contain no pertinent derogatory information concerning [redacted] and [redacted]

The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with above individuals based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

Enclosed are memoranda concerning [redacted]

[redacted] and John A. McCone.

A copy of this communication has not been sent to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Gale (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Rosen (sent direct)

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JOHN A. MC CONE

Mr. McCone has been the subject of several background-type inquiries conducted by the FBI in the past several years. Attached are summary memoranda setting forth the results of those inquiries dated May 5, 1954, June 12, 1958, June 24, 1958, June 30, 1958, and November 2, 1961.

Our files contain no additional pertinent information identifiable with captioned individual.

The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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